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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This communication responds to a Final Office Action dated September 3, 2008 in the above-referenced patent application, which has a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on December 3, 2008. The Applicant is filing this Amendment within two (2) months of the date of the Office Action. An advisory action is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows: